NMEH Workgroup and Sub-Workgroups
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Sub Workgroup	Group Leads	Status/Purpose	Meeting Information
NMEH Workgroup	Andrea Danes (IL) (217)524-7288 aid9g80@mail.idpa.state.il.us Diane Davidson (KS) (785)296-6680 dzzd@srskansas.org	Purpose of Workgroup: This is the general NMEH group that meets twice monthly to share HIPAA news, receive reports from the NMEH Sub-Workgroups, and discuss issues that cross the various groups' areas of expertise.	2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month – 2:00-3:30 EST. Call-In Numbers: For outside UNISYS sites: 1-877-302-3764 code =3461138 For UNISYS sites: N820-7139 code = 3461138
Claims Attachment	Penny Sanchez(CA) (916) 636-1168 Penny.sanchez@eds.com Linda-Louise Bush (PA) (717) 705-8176 LiBush@state.pa.us	Purpose of Workgroup: Identify common Medicaid attachment needs. Facilitate and prioritize the development of unique Medicaid attachments Present common Medicaid attachments to the HL7 A-SIG, X12 and the industry Status/ Recent Activities: There are currently 38 states represented in the workgroup. The workgroup is currently gathering data for, vision, durable medical equipment, and non-emergency transportation and have already finalized identification of data needs for Children's Preventive Health Services and data for sterilization, hysterectomy and other related services requiring consent.	3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:45 to 12:45 EST • The Claims Attachment call starts immediately following joint claims attachment and prior authorization workgroup call. • The joint call is scheduled to start at (call duration varies depending on amount of work): 11:45 Eastern Recurring conference call in number: 877-664-8808 access code: 80974
Dental	Jeff Seybold (CA) (916) 861-2506 Jseybold@Delta.org	Purpose of Workgroup: Share information regarding the requirements and implementation issues surrounding HIPAA compliance. Also, to work as a group to present a united national Medicaid alliance to support or defend our position with the various DSMOs on HIPAA implementation related issues. In addition to this, the group through representation at HL7, X12 and the Dental Content Committee (DECC), is attempting to drive Medicaid's dental business needs through the submission of DSMO request and the development of codified electronic attachments (Periodontal Chart).	Third Tuesday of each month– 10:30 PST. Conference Name: NMEH DENTAL WORKGROUP Start Time: starting Feb 13, 2001 1:30 PM US Eastern USA Toll Free Number: 800-857-6621 PASSCODE: DENTAL
Eligibility	Alan Hirth (OH) 614-644-7997 HIRTHC@ODJFS.STATE.OH.US	Purpose of Workgroup: Identify business issues related to the implementation of 270/271 transactions and recommend solutions. Due to a temporary loss of leadership, this group did not meet for some time and just started to meet again in March 2002.	Look for announcements on listserve.
Encounter Data	Brent Ratterree (AZ) 602-417-4571 rbratterree@ahcccs.state.az.us	Purpose of Workgroup: The short-range goal is to help each state with HIPAA encounter data activity. The long-range goal is to help each state improve encounter data completeness and accuracy.	Look for announcements on listserve.

Explanation of Benefits (EOB)	Diane Davison (785)296-6680 dzzd@srskansas.org	**Purpose of Workgroup:** Compare current Medicaid EOB codes against available code sets for the 835 transaction, identify gaps and develop requests for new codes where appropriate. **Status/ Recent Activities:** This group re-convened in early 2002 to identify more code gaps. Originally, a group reviewed EOB messages from a number of states in Spring/Summer 2000 and cross-walked those codes to the 837 Reason and Remarks codes. New codes were requested where existing codes did not meet Medicaid needs. The original group issued a work product which can be found on the CMS website. The original group stopped meeting in CY2000.	This group is working primarily through e-mails but will have occasional conference calls. Look for announcements on listserve.
Local Codes	Pam Cotham (CA) 916-636-1964 pam.cotham@eds.com Linda McCardel (MI) 517-324-6032 lmccarde@mphi.org Marianne Bliss 515-327-0950 Ext. 1119 marianne.bliss@acs-inc.com	**Purpose of Workgroup:** Aid the Medicaid State Agencies in the elimination of local procedure codes by creating crosswalks to HCPCS, and pursuing procedure code requests with the help of CMS. **Status/ Recent Activities as of 3-27-02:** 22 Completed Categories - includes code requests (8/01 10 were complete) 3 Outstanding Crosswalks (8/01 4 were outstanding) 7 Categories currently need to request codes Modifiers are being reviewed for potential requests. Some modifiers have been requested along with the procedure code requests. The transitional mapping, that the group is performing to determine when a code request is needed, continues.	Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 2:00 – 3:00 Eastern Time. Call-In Numbers: For outside UNISYS sites: 1-877-302-3764 code =3461138 For UNISYS sites: N820-7139 code = 3461138
Prior Authorization	Stacey Barber (NC) 919-816-3235 stacey.barber@ncxix.hcg.eds.com David Bass (CA) (916) 327-9712 dbass@dhs.ca.gov	**Purpose of Workgroup:** Address issues related to implementing the 278 transaction for PA, determine what PA attachments will be needed, and review and respond to DSMO requests that affect the 278 transactions.	Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 11:00 – 11:45 Eastern Time. Look for announcements on the listserve for phone-in information.
HIPAA Integration & Transition (HIT)	Cynthia Garrett (CA) (916) 636-1238 cynthia.garrett@eds.com Anita Halterman (AK) (907) 334-2431 anita_halterman@health.state.ak.us	**Purpose of Workgroup:** Research issues related to outreach, to medical providers, on HIPAA issues.	The call schedule for Oct.-July is as follows: * 3rd Wed. of the month * 9:00-10:30am PDT, 11:00-12:30pm CT or 12:00-1:30pm ET (allow for daylight savings time adjustments depending on location) * phone number: 800-432-2184 * host code: 436536 * participant code: 480499
Provider Taxonomy	Kristine Weinberger (GA) 920 623-5553 WI Office 920 623-5363 WI Fax 770 594-7799 x6531 GA Office	**Purpose of Workgroup:** Gather and consolidate the taxonomy needs that are not currently present in the taxonomy listing from each Medicaid agency. We will eventually submit requests to NUCC for additions/changes to the national taxonomy list.	The Taxonomy calls are the first Thursday of the month. The call time is from 2:00 to 3:00 central time. The call in number is (608) 265-1000 and the pass code is 1202 for all of these calls.

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Security/ Privacy	Joe Kopsa (LA) (225) 342-4357 JKOPSA@dhh.state.la.us	<u>Purpose of Workgroup:</u> Identify HIPAA security/privacy issues common to Medicaid with focus on system security.	1st Wednesday of each month. In even numbered months, conference calls start at 2:00 p.m. eastern time. In odd number months, conference calls start at 12:00 p.m. eastern time.
Third Party Liability - COB	Robert Pozniak (NY) (518) 485-0037 rcp02@health.state.ny.us	<u>Purpose of Workgroup:</u> Identify issues affecting Medicaid third party liability and coordination of benefits efforts. Increase COB/TPL operational efficiencies through HIPAA EDI transactions resulting in increased front end cost avoidance and reduced post payment recoveries at lower costs to Medicaid programs. <u>Status/ Recent Activities:</u> 1. Identified a need for payer-to-payer electronic billing in cases of established legal subrogation. The workgroup proposed a solution to X12 that was modified and will be forthcoming in a future version of the X12 837 and 835 Implementation guides. The workgroup is also pursuing adoption of this COB as a HIPAA covered transaction. 2. The workgroup is pursuing adoption of the X12 269 Transaction Set and Implementation Guide for Health Care Benefit Coordination Verification Request and Response as a HIPAA covered transaction in the future. The transaction is being recommended for use voluntarily through trading partner agreements in the case of Model 1 COB claims. 3. The 270/271 Eligibility Inquiry is recommended for use by state Medicaid agencies for eligibility verification with other payers in accordance with the Final Rule Part 162, Subpart L, Sections 162.1201 and 162.1202.	Meetings are scheduled as needed and announced on the NMEH listserve.
DSMO Request Review	Jane Bryson (207) 287-1823 jane.bryson@state.me.us	<u>Purpose of Workgroup:</u> Review the DSMO items that have come in during the previous month and determine the impact of those DSMO requests on Medicaid operations. If a DSMO request will have a significant negative impact on Medicaid operations, the workgroup develops strategies to counter the request and prevent its acceptance. <u>Status/ Recent Activities:</u> Over the past year, the Workgroup was most effective in countering a large number of proposals from the provider community that would have deleted a substantial number of data elements from the 837 claim. Since many of these data elements	The DSMO phone call occurs on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM EDT at a number announced on the listserve. There is a posting to the listserve of all of the DSMO requests that have come in during the previous month and those are discussed on the call.

		were critical to Medicaid agencies for either correct payment of the claim or for reporting purposes, their loss would have forced Medicaid agencies to rethink their HIPAA compliance efforts. By presenting business cases and working with the provider community and the X12 workgroups on compromises, most of the most essential data elements were salvaged.	
Durable Medical Equipment	Barbara Hollerung (MN) (651) 297-7222 barb.hollerung@state.mn.us	Purpose of Workgroup: The group was recently formed to coordinate DME local code issues. Because of the special nature of DME coding issues, a separate group was formed to deal specifically with these codes. Status/ Recent Activities: The group has worked together with CMS and representatives of DME Manufacturers' Associations to develop a plan to share the work of identifying code gaps and requesting new codes.	Look for announcements on listserve.

NMEH Representatives to HIPAA Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (DSMO) And Advisory Groups

DSMO	NASMD Representative	Phone	Email	Other Participating NMEH Members
X12: APHSA has purchased membership in X12 since January of 2000. Sally Klein is the current official NMEH representative. X12 meets three times a year for five days. Each transaction has its own workgroup. Workgroups develop implementation guides and revise standards but any standards changes are voted on by the X12 membership. Medicaid has one vote with their membership. Standard changes that will benefit Medicaid operations have been accepted by various workgroups.	Jane Bryson (Maine)	(207) 287-1823	jane.bryson@state.me.us	837-Pam Cotham 835-Lois Flanagan 278-Stacey Barber 275-Penny Sanchez 270-271 276-277 Provider enrollment and certification–Jane Bryson
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